

OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT OF TRI-STATE

Latest Reports of Operations in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Development work at the close of the week in the eastern fields brought no better results than has been the rule for some time. Light producers were the best offered and not many of them. The advance in the market is being reflected on operations in the fields as there is quite a good deal of new work starting in localities that had practically nothing doing during the depression. Those familiar with field conditions know that only old territory in districts long under development is available at this time.

On Beech Lick run, Greenbrier district, Doddridge county, the Hope Natural Gas Company gave its No. 3 on the J. Dennison farm a shot and was agreeably surprised by an increase in production. The first twenty-four hours after the shot was exploded it placed 175 barrels to its credit.

On the head waters of Coon run, McClintock district, the Carnegie Natural Gas Company drilled a test on the J. Shadrer farm through the Big Injun sand and it is showing for a twenty-five barrel producer. The location is 1,000 feet west of the Hope Natural Gas Company's No. 2 on the Ross Stroensider farm. In Centerville, Tyler county, the Hope Natural Gas Company has drilled a test on the I. D. Smith farm in the Big Injun sand and it is a fair gasser.

Gasser in Roane County. On Millers run, Spencer district, Roane county, the Deque Gas Company drilled No. 2 on the Sidney Wines farm through the Berea grit and has a light gasser. On Indian creek, Elk district, Kanawha county, the United Fuel Gas Company is building the rig for No. 6 on the W. H. and Mary J. Morris farm. In the Weir sand development on Blue creek in the same district, the South Penn Oil Company completed in the Weir sand a test on the F. G. Woody farm and has a twenty-five barrel producer.

The Carnegie Natural Gas Company has completed its test on the Z. T. Stewart farm, located on Long Drain run, Church district, Wetzel county and has a gasser in the Gordon sand. In the same district and on the same stream, the same company drilled a second test on the Mary A. Sole farm into the Maxon sand and developed a fair gas pressure. In Clay district, Ritchie county, the Imperial Oil and Products Company's No. 3 on the W. S. Smith farm is holding up at 125 barrels a day.

Duster in Harrison County. On Rock Camp run, Sardis district, Harrison county, the Hope Natural Gas Company drilled a test on the E. Allen farm through all the sands and scored a duster. In Washington district, Pleasants county, the Orchard Oil Company's test on the Gale heirs' farm is holding up at twenty barrels a day from the Kener sand. There are other wells in that locality producing a little from the salt sand and some have stopped and these no doubt will be drilled to the lower sand.

Drilling and Starting Tests. In nearly all fields there is test work under way and starting. On Spring creek, Spencer district, Roane county, the Spring Creek Oil and Gas Company is getting in material for a test on the S. M. Sargeant farm. On Cox's Fork, Harper district, J. D. Turner has started to drill on the A. P. Litten farm.

At Newberry on Tanners creek, Troy district, Gilmer county, R. G. Gillespie is building the rig for a well on the W. B. Hessman lot. On Long Drain run, Church district, Wetzel county, the Philadelphia Company is drilling tests on the Thomas Cather and William F. Smith farms. On the same stream and in the same district, the Hope Natural Gas Company is starting tests on the Christie Brookover and Fountain Smith farms.

On Bartholomew run, Mannington district, Marion county, the Carnegie Natural Gas Company is due in the sand at a test on the E. O. Murray farm. On Rock Camp run, Sardis district, Harrison county, the Huffmire and Deagan have made the location for a test on the L. L. Stewart farm. The same parties are starting a test on the Della Rogers farm. On Ten-mile creek, Harrison and Grove are due in the sand at a test on the Elmore Allen farm. In the same district, G. E. Treat has the rig completed for No. 6 on the W. P. Dye farm.

Southeastern Ohio. In the Woodsfield district, Sunberry township, Monroe county, O., the Natural Gas Company has done very little development work during the last year. This company has large holdings in Monroe county and is now getting ready and as soon as the roads are in better condition will start some new work. The best of the late completions in Monroe county is Cooper and Young's test on the Joseph McFadden farm, located in Center township and credited with a production of forty barrels a day. In the Jackson Ridge and New Matamor as districts there is some new work starting in the first named, Middleton and Company are due in the sand at a test on the Daniel Longdon farm. In the New Castle district, Harvey and Company are due in the sand at a test on the Jenni Brothers' farm.

In the Macksburg district, Noble county, C. E. Edmonds and Company completed No. 16 on the Leo Grum farm and have a light producer. In the same district, G. C. Best, Jr., has a very light producer at his No. 10 on the Benjamin Corp farm. In Lawrence township, Washington county, C. L. Booth's test on the J. M. Pegg farm is due in the first Cow run sand. In the same district, S. S. Stewart is due in the sand at a test on the Benjamin Eddy farm and G. H. Gale and Company are drilling in the sand at a test on the William Bergen farm.

The new development north of the

old Finner pool in Morristownship, Greene county, Pa., is attracting attention. The Carnegie Natural Gas Company has drilled its test on the Cynthia Conger farm deeper into the sand and developed a pay and the hole filled up 1,800 feet with fluid. It will make a fair producer. The same company's well on the J. S. Watson farm had been flowing at the rate of fifty barrels a day, but quit and will be put to pumping. Residents of Waynesburg and Washington have been attracted to the new discovery and leasing has been active. It is claimed that there is room for a pool in that vicinity.

WHITE RIVER

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water rises four feet, however, the water supply of the city will be safe. A tugboat was sent to Fairview, La., tonight to remove 100 negro convicts to a point six miles above St. Joseph, La.

RIVER WATERS BEGIN TO FALL AT PLACES

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 5.—With the exception of the lowland district of Alexander county, Ill., just north of Cairo, the southern halves of Missouri and Illinois tonight were well on the road to recovery from the effects of the recent flood.

The Mississippi river here fell 2.5 feet during the day, the Meramec fell more than three feet and the lower Illinois receded about half a foot.

MRS. MOHR

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specifies home for the first time in four weeks, after being paid off tonight.

Mrs. Mohr made a brief statement after returning to her home tonight. She said that she had been confident from the beginning that no jury would ever convict her, adding that the charge of bringing about the death of the man who was the father of her children and to whom she had always hoped to become reconciled, was the culmination of a series of misfortunes which had clouded her life.

She expressed her appreciation of the "consideration shown her by the judge, the fairness of the jury, the kindness of her friends and the general sympathy of the public at large. "I am home again," she said, "with my children and I hope to be allowed in peace to devote the rest of my life to their welfare."

FALSE RUMORS

Are Those That Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria is in Ill Health.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

ZURICH, Switzerland, Feb. 5.—All rumors of the ill health of Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria, are unfounded, according to information received here from what is declared to be an unimpeachable source. Persons seeing the emperor frequently declare that he is in perfect health, according to this authority, beginning his day's work at 4 o'clock in the morning as usual. It is added that he has been remarkably well all through the war.

NEW RIFLES

Of Long Range to Be Recommended by General Wood for Texas Fronts.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

GALVESTON, Tex., Feb. 5.—General improvement in the gulf coast fortifications around Galveston, including long range rifles for Forts Crockett, San Jacinto and Travis will be recommended to the war department by Major General Leonard Wood. After inspecting the defenses here today the commander of the eastern department, United States army, said the present guns should be replaced by the latest models with longer range.

COLONEL HOUSE

Is Received a Second Time in Audience by the President of France.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

PARIS, Feb. 5.—President Poincare today received Colonel E. M. House and the American Ambassador William G. Sharp and talked with them for some time. It was Colonel House's second interview with the president.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharp gave a dinner at the American embassy last night in honor of Colonel House. It was attended by Premier Briand and various members of the diplomatic corps and the American colony.

Colonel House expects to complete his work in Paris on Monday and leave for home by way of London the following day.

ANOTHER

Socialist in the Reichstag Withdraws from His Party.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

BERLIN, Feb. 5, via London.—Otto Ruehle, Socialist member of the Reichstag, has followed the example of Dr. Karl Liebknecht by withdrawing from the Socialist group in the Reichstag.

Herr Ruehle was the only Socialist member to co-operate with Dr. Liebknecht in opposing the war credits.

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GOING TO LONDON.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

HONOLULU, February 5.—William Hughes, president and treasurer of Australia, arrived here today aboard the steamer Makura on his way to Vancouver, B. C., and Montreal to join, it was said, Robert L. Borden, the Canadian premier, and proceed with him to London to attend an imperial conference. Premier Hughes declined to discuss his mission.

FACTORY BLOWN

At Kespeler in Ontario and a Request is Made for an Overseas Regiment.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 5.—A fire today in the Jardine munitions factory at Kespeler, Waterloo county, Ontario, so alarmed the management and the village authorities that they applied to Ottawa to have ordered out an Overseas regiment stationed in the neighborhood. The blaze, however, was got under control after it had destroyed the shell manufacturing building and damaged several other structures.

Two Austrians and one German were arrested on suspicion. But for a quick response of the fire department, the authorities said tonight that the entire plant would probably have been destroyed.

The fire, which broke out in the machine shop, spread rapidly to the rest of the building. Company officials said there was no doubt that it was of incendiary origin. Soon after the fire at Kespeler, Mayor Edward of Galt, Ontario, requested the military division at headquarters at London to dispatch troops there to guard the munition plants.

TROOPS LEAVE

For an All-Night Ride Overland to Head Off General Villa's Forces.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

SIERRA BLANCA, Tex., Feb. 5.—United States troops of the Eighth cavalry left here tonight for an all night ride overland to Bosque Bonito, on the international border, for which place General Francisco Villa is reported to be heading. Carranza troops on the Mexican side are also reported marching for the same point to intercept Villa.

MORE NOTES FOUND

Of Those Stolen When Mail Car Was Robbed at Central Station in October.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 5.—From under the floor of a blacksmith shop, government detectives unearthed today a bundle of unsigned national bank notes. When the mass of paper was counted, they said, they had recovered \$30,000 of the money stolen October 8, 1915, when three men robbed a mail car at Central Station, W. Va., and obtained \$106,000 in unsigned currency shipped from Washington for the use of banks in Illinois and Indiana.

John Harrison, owner of the blacksmith shop, has been arrested charged with being a party to robbery. A fruit jar containing \$1,755 in national bank notes had been unearthed previously.

General John Pershing, commanding the Eighth infantry brigade at Fort Bliss said tonight that he had been keeping in close touch with the Mexican authorities in Juarez and had reported to Fort Sam Houston at San Antonio all information received upon the movement of General Villa toward Bosque Bonita.

BULGARIANS KILLED.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

PARIS, Feb. 5.—An official Bulgarian report as forwarded from Athens to the Temps says that 470 men were killed and more than 500 wounded during the recent attack by French aeroplanes on Bulgarian camps.

GEN. COXEY WANTS TO BE U. S. SENATOR

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

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PRIMARY IS FRAUD

Declares Former President Taft Who Says Boss-Ridden Convention is Really Better.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 5.—"From the boss-ridden convention with deliberation you will get better candidates than you will from a primary," declared former President Taft, in an address to the southern New England Textile Club here tonight. Mr. Taft also expressed the opinion that legislatures were sometimes fooled by labor, which, he said, should be made to appreciate the spirit of the constitution.

"Of all the evils which are supposed to be a cure-all for all evils," Mr. Taft said, "the direct primary is the worst. The primary is so worked that it can only be used by the rich man who can build up his own machine or by the regular machine. Both of these things the primary is supposed to have abolished. The general primary is a fraud."

SECOND INCREASE.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

HOUGHTON, Mich., Feb. 5.—Fifteen hundred miners of the Wolverine and Mohawk miners of the Stanton group will receive a second increase in wages running from five to ten per cent monthly. The first increase also granted by most of the upper peninsula companies was announced recently.

FORMER NEWSPAPER MAN NOW PRESIDENT

CARGOES OF GOLD On Two Japanese Cruisers Observed Coaling in Lee of the Maui Island.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

HONOLULU, Feb. 5.—Two foreign war vessels reported to be the Japanese cruisers Tokiwa and Chitose were observed coaling today in the lee of the island of Maui of the Hawaiian group from a vessel said to be the Japanese collier Kwanto Maru. According to mail advices received here, the vessels are en route for Vancouver, B. C., with a hundred million rubles in gold (\$1,400,000) to be placed to Great Britain's credit in New York city.

ZOO BURNED

At Sand Springs, Okla., and Fifteen Ostriches Therein Perish in the Flames.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

TULSA, Okla., Feb. 5.—Charles Page's private zoo, which he maintained at Sand Springs near here for the instruction of several scores of orphans whom he has adopted, was destroyed by fire today. Twenty-five alligators escaped death by seeking refuge in water-filled pits. The bears were scorched hairless. The entire flock of fifteen ostriches perished.

Mr. Page is a millionaire oil producer, whose philanthropies have taken the form of adopting orphans and providing homes for widows.

RAILWAY CONTROL

Of Steamship Traffic So Great as to Force a Gulf Line into a Receivership.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The Southern Pacific Railway Company so dominated steamship traffic in 1909, that the Philadelphia and Gulf line, organized in Philadelphia to handle freight between gulf ports and the Atlantic seaboard, was unable to purchase or charter vessels and subsequently went into receivership, according to testimony offered the interstate commerce mayor here today in the hearing on the application of the Southern Pacific to continue control of its Morgan line of steamships under the Panama canal act.

ARRESTED

Is Former Secretary of Late Bishop Scadding of Episcopal Denomination.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 5.—Charles B. Pfahler, former secretary to the late Bishop Scadding, of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon, was arrested today on a complaint sworn to by Bishop Walter T. Sumner. The complaint charges Pfahler with destroying the diocese books and records immediately following the death of Bishop Scadding.

During his nine years of service as secretary to Bishop Scadding, Pfahler handled more than \$100,000 in cash and property of the church.

GOVERNOR JOHNSON

Expects the Republicans and Progressives All to Be Together in June.

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COLLARLESS.

New Jersey School Boys Can Be in Warm Weather, School Board Rules.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 5.—The state board of education today decided that school boys need not wear collars in warm weather. They may turn under the neck bands of their shirts if they also desire.

The decision reverses the state commissioner of education, who upheld a teacher of Merchantville, for refusing to receive two boys in school who appeared on a warm day without collars and with the neckbands of their shirts turned under.

POLICEMEN

Are Held in Reserve in Connection with the Strike.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Sixty policemen were held in reserve here tonight in connection with the strike of switchmen of the Wabash railroad, although no violence was reported and train schedules were not interfered with, it was said.

Union leaders said that a hundred men quit work, while railroad officials placed the number at fewer than fifty.

TO BE MARRIED.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 5.—Miss Geraldine Farrar, the grand opera star, is to be married to Ion Teller, an actor, it was stated tonight. Miss Farrar herself, after a concert here, gave the information to Charles A. Mills, her manager, the latter said.

FUTURE BATTLES MUST BE FOUGHT

VILLA Is Proving a Puzzle to the Carranza Authorities in Northern Mexico.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 5.—The whereabouts of Francisco Villa is proving a puzzle to Carranza authorities in northern Mexico. While several detachments of troops were scouring the country for fifty miles east of Juarez, where Villa was reported to be advancing toward the international border, Carranza authorities from Madera, Chihuahua, today reported Villa in the Santa Clara district west of the central Mexican railway.

Carranza troops from Madera, Buena Ventura and Ojo Calientes were dispatched to the Santa Clara region on the strength of the Madera advices while Carranza detachments from Ojinaga and other points continue to scour the Bosque Bonito country east of Juarez.

General Gabriel Bahirra at Juarez tonight explained that most of the troops pursuing Villa were infantry. Villa is supposed to have good cavalry mounts.

Five years ago, according to Mr. Sprague, would be required to place the navy on an equal footing with that of Great Britain, provided Congress saw fit to make the necessary appropriations.

Mr. Sprague said his observations while aboard the New York had convinced him that America must be prepared to fight its future battles at least 1,500 miles out at sea. "I feel," he said, "that this country, endowed with such great wealth, should have the largest navy in the world. Of course, it will be very difficult to convince Congress of this fact. However, we ought at least to have a navy strong enough to meet attack in two directions if the occasion requires."

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NOTICES FILED

For the Primary Election in Indiana State to the Number of Fully 1,000.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 5.—The time for filing notice of candidacy for every office in Indiana which is to be voted on in the primary of March 7, expired at midnight tonight. Approximately 1,000 candidates for representative in Congress, membership in the legislature, prosecuting attorney of state and notice of their desire to have their names placed on the primary ballot. The time for candidates for president, vice president, United States senator and state officers to file notices expired thirty days ago.

SAVE BOY SUNDAY.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—A "save the boy" Sunday was proclaimed today by Mayor Thompson with fixed February 13, as the day and urged the churches and other organizations to observe the day with suitable services in a campaign for the betterment of the Chicago youth.

TO ERECT MONUMENT.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

SOFIA, via London, Feb. 5.—The Bulgarian government has voted to erect a marble monument at Nish, to commemorate the meeting there on January 18, of Emperor William and King Ferdinand of Bulgaria.

RIVER FALLING.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 5.—The Ohio river continued to fall in the Cincinnati district tonight, the gauge registering 42.7 feet, a decline of 1.1 feet in the last twenty-four hours. Stage was forty feet.

SHEDS FALL.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 5.—Under the weight of accumulated snow the passenger train sheds of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railway collapsed and fell here tonight for a distance of over 200 feet. Two persons were injured.

BOND ISSUE TALKED.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Prominent residents of Simpson district are talking up a bond issue of \$200,000 to build good roads in that district. It is planned to build twenty miles.

STRIKE ENDS.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

YONKERS, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Seven hundred employees of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, who struck a few days ago, returned to work today, when an advance in wages of from nine to thirty per cent was granted. The company recently has been filling orders for the Entente Allies for Europe.

TO TEACH NIPPON THE "BUNNY HUG"

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Miss Kiyoko Kachi, nineteen-year-old descendant of one of Tokyo's leading families, believes that Japan should have the opportunity to dance the latest American dances. For several months past she has been in San Francisco learning the "bunny hug," the "fox trot" and other similar terpsichorean revolutionaries.

PERSONALS

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

William E. Starcher went to Gratton Saturday night to remain over Sunday visiting relatives there.

J. B. Allison, of Cameron, is a visitor in the city.

E. C. Jones is here from Smith-ton.

Walter Du Mont, of Mannington, is here on a few days' visit.

C. O. Jennings, of Parkersburg, is a guest at the Hotel Gore.

J. W. Demarest, of Weirton, is in the city on a business visit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Little, of Parkersburg, are visiting in the city.

J. E. Watson, Jr., is here from Fairmont.

Earl H. Smith, editor of the Fairmont Times, was a business visitor here Saturday night.

H. D. Sanders, the local manager of the United Mills Company, left Sunday for Parkersburg to attend the annual stockholders meeting Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles O'Toole who visited Mrs. Dora Powell, has returned to her home at Weston.

William F. Dunkin was here Saturday night from Bridgeport.

Gleis Stout, of Bridgeport, was in the city Saturday evening.

Flavius B. Davidson, member of the house of delegates, was here Saturday evening.

G. C. Keyes, of Salem, visited the city Saturday evening.



"General" Jacob S. Coxey.



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